

CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #6-10

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TO: All Inspection Staff

FROM: Steve Zaccard, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: SMOKE DETECTORS IN RENTAL DWELLINGS

CODE REFERENCE: Minnesota Statute 299F.362

"THIS POLICY IS TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR YOUR ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR."

In existing residential occupancies smoke detectors required outside of sleeping areas in all rental units may be approved battery-operated or plug-in type detectors or they may be hard-wired to the house electrical service. In construction of a new dwelling, each smoke detector must be attached to a centralized power source.

In rental units where the kitchen is adjacent to the sleeping area, the smoke detector may be installed inside the bedroom. The purpose of this relocation is to eliminate the practice of disarming smoke detectors that are set off by harmless kitchen vapors.

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